



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2005 Assembly Bill 826

**Assembly Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Assembly Bill 826 creates an offense in the Children's Code under which a person who is responsible for a child's welfare while the child is being transported in a child care vehicle may not leave the child unattended at any time from the time the child is placed in the care of that person to the time the child is placed in the care of another person responsible for the child's welfare. A person who violates this provision is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$10,000 and imprisonment not to exceed nine months, or both. If death is a consequence, the person is guilty of a Class G felony, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$25,000 and imprisonment not to exceed 10 years, or both.

Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 places the offense in the chapter of the statutes relating to crimes against children instead of in the Children's Code. In addition, the substitute amendment treats the offense like other serious crimes against children for purposes of criminal background checks for certain persons who work with or care for children (e.g., foster parents and employees of day care centers).

Legislative History

The Assembly Committee on Children and Families offered Assembly Substitute Amendment 1 on December 8, 2005. On that date, the committee voted to recommend adoption of the substitute amendment and passage of the bill, as amended, on votes of Ayes, 6; Noes, 0.

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